Betamethasone

Essential medicine status

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EMLc | ATC codes: D07AC01

Indication	Psoriasis of unspecified type ICD11 code: EA90.Z
INN	Betamethasone
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Core
Formulations	**Local > Topical > Cream:** 0.1% (as valerate) **Local > Topical > Ointment:** 0.1% (as valerate)
EML status history	First added in 1977 (TRS 615) Changed in 1979 (TRS 641) Changed in 2007 (TRS 950) Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035)
Sex	All
Age	Also recommended for children
Age restriction	Hydrocortisone preferred in neonates.
Therapeutic alternatives	Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used
Therapeutic alternatives limitations	Therapeutic alternatives are medicines in the 4th level ATC chemical subgroup:D07AC Corticosteroids, potent (group III).
Therapeutic alternatives limitations for EMLc	Therapeutic alternatives are medicines in the 4th level ATC chemical subgroup:D07AC Corticosteroids, potent (group III).
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Betamethasone
DrugBank	Betamethasone

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of square box listings on the EML and EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended that medicines in 4th level ATC chemical subgroup, D07AC Corticosteroids, potent (group III), be specified as therapeutic alternatives under the square box listing for betamethasone on the EML and EMLc.